

Sinclair's actions, requiring stations to air what is essentially a political statement, smacks of a violation of the first amendment. I believe that the press should be free--these conglomerate stations are not the press. I also believe in the freedom of speech--when you require a station to air something, without exception--you violate their freedom of speech, because in order from freedom of speech to exist one must also be free not to speak, not to speak the words or beliefs of others. In times past when a controversial episode has aired, some stations have refused to air the program--for this very reason that they did not want that "controversy" to be associated with them. These Sinclair stations are not being afforded the same opportunity. For my part, if Sinclair wants to air this, it is fine, but their stations should have the right, the freedom to opt out. I will leave any violation of the equal air time rules to you to determine.